

Iron County Register

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There is no accounting for tastes. Grip bacilli love a close, ill-ventilated room.

Do not strain your eyes looking for prosperity, but get out and help it along.

Gertrude Atherton finds Edith Wharton "dull." We await Edith's cross-counter.

In the new year it is believed that a larger number than ever will try to swear off their taxes.

Now that the Japs in Vancouver have become the aggressors, what will be the international aspect of the case?

What would the naval doctor in command do if his boat were seized with a sinking spell? Inject nitroglycerine?

Leap year will have a salutary effect on the vanity of those bachelors who have been enjoying anticipatory thrills of worry.

These scientific inquiries as to why mosquitoes do not bite frogs are plainly an effort to tempt somebody to start nature faking.

A wooden pavement, when made of rectangular blocks that have been creosoted and honestly laid, approaches closely to the ideal.

Andrew Carnegie's opinion that the world is growing better indicates the complacent mood that comes when the golf is going well.

As to the proposition to pension our ex-presidents, ought not something be done for one or two of our most distinguished never-presidents?

After so much warning the average man will be terribly disappointed if he does not receive at least one proposal during the coming year.

South America is naturally inclined to regard the fleet as something that does not particularly concern its interests one way or another.

That Muskegon man who rescued a Detroit boy from drowning by holding a rope in his mouth may be said to have saved him by the skin of his teeth.

Ann, according to the Philadelphia Bulletin, is a popular name among brides. And any name for a bridegroom is sufficient for a receptive bride.

An Ohio judge is a private in the national guard of that state. He would be in a quandary if the troops should be called out while he is trying a case.

That this is an age of paradoxes is proved again by the fact that a famous living skeleton, formerly with Barnum, has just died from fatty degeneration.

A man who possesses the titles of earl and baron is starving in St. Louis because he cannot find a job. He does not explain why he has neglected to marry an heiress.

If any foreign nation should attack our noble fleet of battle ships on their journey, Admiral Evans will doubtless order the battery of 21 pianolas into action, and the fight will be over.

A man six feet one inch in height and weighing only 80 pounds has just died in Rhode Island. What a great tester of airships he would have been if he had made use of his talents!

A New York cafe has made its women patrons a New Year's present of permission to smoke. In making some presents it is often a wise thing to consult the tastes of the recipients.

Fifty members of the Massachusetts legislature work by the day for wages. It is to be hoped that their election to the legislature may not lead them to think working for a living is foolish or unnecessary.

One of the predictions for the new year is that it will solve the problem of practical aerial travel. So much progress has been made in this direction and interest is so enthusiastically aroused in the various experiments on the subject, that this prediction will not be received as one of visionary projects which no sane and conservative person expects to see realized.

A marriage is to be celebrated in New Haven which has a rather unusual romance. While attending a game of golf the lady in the case hit a ball which struck and stunned the gentleman. On his recovery the penniless player apologized and the romance followed. This year, however, the fair sex will not be obliged to resort to such vigorous measures to bring down their game, as, being leap year, they have the privilege of proposing, while the men have not that of refusing.

A Montreal paper has been fined for calling the members of the provincial legislature fools and ignoramus. The paper would probably have been able to secure a verdict in its own favor if it had not indulged in such silly tautology.

A scientist has discovered that a grip germ has barbs. These, in addition to the thumb-screws, red-hot pinners and ice tongs, give him a decided advantage over such puerile bacilli as those of malaria and smallpox.

It has been decided to put the Panama canal dam and locks on the Pacific side of the isthmus far enough inland to be out of reach of a hostile fleet. Thus we shall be prepared in case of a sudden hostile expedition on the part of the natives of Guam.

Wearing a peekaboo shirt waist in winter is highly recommended for women who want to catch the grip. Plenty of men catch it without any special rules, thus demonstrating again the superior ingenuity of the sterner sex.



CASHIER ROBS BANK

MISSING OFFICIAL OF ALVA, OK., CONCERN INDICATED.

BELIEVE \$4700 LOSS MAY SWELL

Institution Closed Until State Examiner Can Complete an Investigation.

Alva, Okla.—Following the discovery that \$4,700 in cash had been taken from the safe of the Bank of Commerce of Alva during Sunday, a warrant has been sworn out for the arrest of Lewis Westfall, cashier of the concern.

Westfall has been missing since Sunday morning, when he left Alva, stating that he was going to Guthrie to spend Sunday. The warrant charges forgery, embezzlement and mutilation of the records.

The alleged defalcation was discovered by officers of the bank when the safe was opened Tuesday morning. Saturday night \$6000 had been placed in the strong box. Monday the safe could not be opened, and the cashier failed to appear. The suspicion of the bank officers was aroused, and when they opened the safe Tuesday morning they found only \$1300 remaining.

As a result of the loss the bank is closed, awaiting the arrival of State Bank Commissioner Smock. Whether the defalcation will cause the bank to fail can not be determined until after the bank examiner completes his investigation.

Torpedo Flotilla Greeted.
Buenos Ayres.—The ministry of marine and the Argentine torpedo boat division extended a warm reception to the American torpedo flotilla, which arrived here Sunday. Great preparations have been made for the entertainment of the men while they are in port. The Argentine squadron met the battle ships off Cape Corrientes Monday morning, and escorted it down the coast.

Two Perish in Flames.
McAlester, Okla.—Howard Ratliff and his 4-year-old child perished in a fire which destroyed the Ratliff home at Hartshorne Tuesday night. Ratliff had rescued four of the children and had returned to the house for a fifth when he was overcome by smoke. Mrs. Ratliff and two other children were absent from home.

Old Flag Brings \$4,250.
London.—The flag of the American man-of-war Chesapeake, captured in the fight with the British ship Shannon in 1813, was put up at auction in this city Thursday and sold for \$4,250 to a dealer named Partridge. It is reported that Partridge acted for Cornelius Vanderbilt of New York.

Glimpse of the Golden Balls.
Atlantic City, N. J.—Claiming that visitors who are "broke" are unable to find their "uncles" without some sort of familiar sign, local pawnbrokers are walling over the new city law which bars the three golden balls as a sign in front of the hockshops.

Wins Dancing Prize at 90.
Columbus, Ind.—James Collins, the best "fiddler" in Clifford, a village in this county, has added jic dancing and singing to his championships. His new honors came at a Modern Woodmen entertainment. Old dances and songs were required.

Woman Accused Mayor.
Guthrie, Okla.—E. Edwin Brown, mayor of Claremore, was arrested Wednesday night, charged with accepting bribes from violators of the law. His accuser is a woman.

Engine Kills Ex-Confederate.
Little Rock, Ark.—Robert M. Littlejohn, 60 years old, an ex-Confederate soldier, interchange clerk of the Rock Island and Iron Mountain roads, was struck by an engine in the yards, on the north side, and died a few hours afterward.

To Ship Flour to Manila.
Junction City, Kas.—A local flouring mill has been notified of the acceptance of a contract of flour shipment to Manila. One shipment will supply 35,000 men for a month.

Aged Woman Seeks a Pardon.
Stroudsburg, Pa.—Mrs. Dora Newman, aged 75, who is in the Millford jail under a sentence of one year and six months for the killing of her aged husband, John Newman, will make an application to the state board of pardons at their meeting in February.

New Englanders Organize.
Oklahoma City, Okla.—Following the custom of other cities in the state, citizens of Ardmore will organize a society to be composed of former residents of the New England states.

TEACHER SLAIN IN PHILIPPINES.

Cablegram Gives Meager Details of Murder of Former Indian.

Washington—Anna E. Hahn, one of the first American school teachers to go to the Philippines, was murdered at Batangas, island of Luzon, January 29, according to a dispatch received at the bureau of insular affairs Friday. No details are given. The telegram contained a request that the family be communicated with in regard to the disposition of the body. Miss Hahn was a native of Indiana and was appointed to her position as teacher from that state on July 15, 1901.

Explosion Hurts Three.
Philadelphia.—An explosion Friday in the fuse plant of the Frankford arsenal resulted in the serious injury of three workmen and almost to a panic among the thousands of persons living in the vicinity.

More than 100 men and women were at work in the plant at the time, and that more were not hurt is regarded almost as a miracle, the explosion being of sufficient force to shake buildings within a radius of miles.

Texas Answers Pierce's Plea.
Washington.—Counsel for the state of Texas, in the habeas corpus proceedings of H. Clay Pierce, among whom is Judge Shepard Barclay of St. Louis, Thursday night filed the answer of the state to the application for a writ of certiorari filed last Monday by Pierce's attorneys, Joseph H. Chouteau and Henry S. Priest, in the United States supreme court.

New York Oriental Bank Closes.
New York.—The Oriental bank, on which a run of depositors started Thursday, did not open for business Friday. A notice was posted on the door announcing that the institution was closed by order of the state superintendent of banks. The institution was one of the strongest on the east side.

Two Thieves Shot, One Fatally.
Chicago, Ill.—Two burglars were shot, one of them fatally, Thursday by Christopher Paulsen, a baker, in the shop of J. J. Larsen at 502 Thirty-seventh street. Both men were captured. One of them, Thomas Frawley, was shot in the head and the other, John Armour, was shot in the left side of the abdomen and in the face. Armour can not live.

German Navy Bill Up.
Berlin.—The government's naval program, embracing estimates of expenditure of more than \$100,000,000 annually for ten years, passed to the second reading in the reichstag yesterday, only the socialists and Poles opposing it.

Oklahoma Postoffice Looted.
Oklahoma City, Okla.—Burglars blew the safe of the postoffice at Mustang, near here, early Friday morning and escaped with \$100 in money and stamps.

Divorces Remarry at 73.
Fort Dodge, Ia.—Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Johnson, both aged 73 years, have been married here. They were divorced three years ago, soon after their 15th wedding anniversary. Johnson has been living at Beaver City, Okla.

Husband, 102, Wife, 105, Dead.
Warren, Minn.—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Zejdlik, who both died here the same day, were born in Bohemia, and came to this country many years ago. Zejdlik was 102 years old and Mrs. Zejdlik was 105. They had been married 79 years.

Four-Year-Old Shoots Self.
Pittsburg, Kas.—The 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Busay fatally shot himself with his father's revolver. The youngster climbed on a chair and was trying to pull the weapon from his father's overcoat.

Montana Governor Resigns.
Helena, Mont.—Governor Joseph K. Toole tendered his resignation to Secretary of State Hoder, to take effect April 1 next. He will be succeeded by Edwin Norris of Dillon, lieutenant governor.

Break Jail, but Return.
Starkville, Miss.—After breaking jail and having a few hours' liberty, two negroes, one charged with murder and the other with assault, appeared at the sheriff's office and asked to be locked up again.

Two More Polar Expeditions.
London.—Two more polar expeditions are announced. Dr. Jean Charcot, the French explorer, is preparing to set out in quest of the south pole, and the duke of Abruzzi is planning a voyage to the north.

NEWS OF CONGRESS

DOINGS OF PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES AT WASHINGTON.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

Concise Report of Measures Introduced and What Action is Taken on Them.

Causes Demonstration in House.

Washington—An unusual and almost unprecedented scene was enacted in the house of representatives Friday as the result of the reading of a special message to congress by the president urging additional legislation in the matter of relations of labor and capital and of corporations and the public. The vigorous language of the document brought forth storms of applause, first on the democratic side of the house, then on the republican, and culminating in a general demonstration by the entire body. As if in anticipation that something out of the ordinary was going to happen, there was a very full attendance of members. Long after the reading of the message had been concluded it was almost the sole topic of conversation among members on the floor and in the lobby.

After passing 288 pension bills, the Indian appropriation bill was discussed. Its consideration had not been completed when the house at 5:05 p. m. adjourned until Monday.

Senators Hear Message.

Washington—The reading of the president's message concerning the employers' liability act, the granting of injunctions in labor cases and other matters of a general nature concerning corporations was the chief feature of the senate proceedings Friday. The message received careful attention on the part of many senators on both sides of the chamber. The senate ordered the printing of 10,000 copies.

The remainder of the day was devoted to routine business and a further consideration of the bill revising the criminal laws of the United States. The first reading of the bill was concluded, including all paragraphs to which no objections were made. When the measure is next taken up sections involving amendments to the law and others to which no objections have been made will be considered.

To Extend Pass Privileges.

Washington—The senate committee on interstate commerce took up the consideration of a bill by Senator Clapp, the object of which is to extend railroad pass privileges to pensioned employees, disabled employees and various attaches of railroads not mentioned in the interstate commerce law as being entitled to free transportation.

Navy and Army Pay Identical.

Washington—Senator Dick introduced a bill placing the pay of officers of the navy and marine corps on the same footing as the pay of the army. The pay of midshipmen and warrant officers is raised 25 per cent.

Urgent Deficiency Bill Passed.

Washington—The urgent deficiency appropriation bill was passed by the house Thursday. The total amount carried by it is \$23,664,450, or \$410,000 less than as reported by the committee. The largest single reduction was that of \$300,000 in the clothing fund of the army.

When the session was resumed Thursday only a few pages of the bill remained to be disposed of. Included in these was a provision for the appointment of thirty-four additional policemen for the new house office building. Chairman Tawney urged the provision because of the necessity of protecting such costly government property and of guarding the reputation and honor of the members.

Mr. Mann, Illinois, opposed the provision and it was stricken out on a point of order after considerable discussion.

To Cut Navy Appropriation.

Washington—The house committee on naval affairs decided to make a cut of about \$25,000,000 in the estimated cost of maintenance and construction for the navy department for the coming fiscal year. The department asked for a total of \$125,000,000, a considerable proportion of which comes under estimates for the construction of buildings in navy yards. The greater part of the proposed \$25,000,000 reduction comes within this classification.

Bill on Labor Injunctions.

Washington—Senator Gore Thursday introduced a bill prohibiting the granting of restraining orders by federal courts in cases between employer and employee, unless it is necessary to prevent irreparable injury to the property rights of the party making the application. The bill provides that no agreement between employees can be held by a court as a conspiracy unless property rights are endangered.

Little Boy Saves Mother's Life.

York, Pa.—Fire starting in a pile of kindling wood in her kitchen at York, as she lay sleeping in an adjoining room, Mrs. Wesley Blair would probably have been burned to death had not her 5-year-old son given the alarm.

Killed by Car He Wanted.
Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Tumbled across the tracks by the impetus of his rush down an embankment, William Huber, 24 years old, of Nanticoke, was mangled in the brake rigging of a trolley car he meant to board.

Merriman Now Premier.

Cape Town.—J. X. Merriman, leader of the African Bund, has accepted the premiership of Cape Colony in succession to Dr. Leander S. Jameson, who resigned because of the defeat of his party in the Cape Colony parliamentary elections.

Cow in Co-Ed's Room.

Swarthmore, Pa.—Fifteen students of the Swarthmore college have been suspended of being implicated in placing a full-grown cow in one of the girls' rooms.

FIVE PERISH IN HOTEL FIRE

KANSAS CITY BOARDING HOUSE BURNS WHILE WATER FREEZES.

FIREMEN ARE POWERLESS

Many Distracted Inmates Jump From Windows and Are Injured—The Dead Are Not Identified.

Kansas City, Mo.—Five persons were burned to death and 15 injured in a fire in a boarding house at Eleventh and Wyandotte streets Saturday morning. The survivors escaped scantily clad and suffered intensely from exposure. The temperature was the lowest of the year and the ground was covered with snow.

None of the dead have been identified as yet.

The injured persons, many of whom jumped from the upper windows of the house, were taken to nearby hospitals where emergency treatment is being given.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but is probably traceable to an overheated stove.

The house is a resort for working people, many of whom are employed as waiters and cooks in downtown restaurants and hotels.

The firemen were greatly hampered in their efforts to fight the blaze by the extreme cold and the high wind. Before the water had fairly reached the doomed building the hosemen were covered with a coating of ice, and their hands were nearly frozen.

PORTUGUESE RULER SLAIN.

Regicides Shoot King and Crown Prince Luis to Death.

Lisbon—Dom Carlos, king of all the Portugals, and the Crown Prince Luis Philippe were shot to death at 5:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the royal carriage in Lisbon, just after their return from Villa Vicosa, by a band of men, who fired a volley from carbines.

The royal family was driving in an open carriage when a group of men at the corner of Praça de Commercio and the Rua de Arsenal suddenly sprang toward the carriage, leveling their carbines, fired in concert, mortally wounding the king and the crown prince and slightly wounding the king's second son, Prince Miguel.

Queen Amelie, who rose in the carriage and tried to shield the crown prince, was unhurt.

Immediately the police guard fired on the regicides, killing three of them and capturing three others. One of the prisoners committed suicide in his cell. It is believed that at least one of the slayers was a Spaniard.

The king and the crown prince each was shot three times and they lived only long enough to be carried to the marine arsenal nearby, where they expired.

HARRY THAW ACQUITTED.

Is Freed on Insanity Plea and Sent to Matteawan.

New York—Acquitted of murder, but declared a dangerous lunatic, liable to other outbreaks, Harry Kendall Thaw is in the asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan. The jury decided that Thaw was not guilty of the murder of Stanford White on the ground that he was insane when he killed him on Madison Square Roof Garden on the night of June 25, 1906. Justice Dowling immediately sentenced the prisoner to the asylum. And the happiest person in all New York is wifely, little Evelyn Thaw.

She sacrificed all that women hold dear when she went on the witness stand last year and told her amazingly pathetic story of downfall and degradation. The district attorney denounced her as few human beings ever were at the first trial. Last week he made such amends as he could by saying her story was true in its essentials. She realizes that her sacrifice was not in vain, for with her out of the case it is scarcely probable that the jury would have accepted the plea of insanity.

Death in a Hatpin Scratch.
Columbus, N. J.—Miss Martha Bowne died of a slight scratch by a hatpin on one of her fingers. The scratch was made two weeks ago and it was so slight she gave it no thought. Three days ago blood poisoning set in.

Famous Irish Actor Dead.
Columbus, O.—Denis O'Sullivan, famous Irish actor, died in Grant hospital here. He had been operated on for appendicitis.

Illinois Convict Caught.
Butte, Mont.—Detective Williams has apprehended an escaped life convict from the state prison at Joliet, Ill., John Sullivan, alias Shannon, who was sent up for murder. The man is serving a jail term here for vagrancy.

Former N. D. Governor Dying.
Devils Lake, N. D.—Former Governor E. C. Shortridge is dying of cancer. He was operated on at Chester, Minn., a few weeks ago, but it was too late. He is 77 years old. All his relatives have been called to his bedside.

Death Stroke in Street.

West Chester, Pa.—Suffering from tuberculous kidneys, Herbert Heaton Higley, aged 22 years, son of George Higley, fell on the street while taking a little walk, and died upon being removed to his home, near by.

Dropped Dead Entering Gate.

Norristown, Pa.—Overcome by apoplexy, Reiff H. Godshalk, aged 59 years, a retired contractor of Iron Bridge, was found dead at the front gate of his home by Preston Nyes, a clerk at the Eagle Hotel.

NEWS OF MISSOURI

Plan to Make Bachelors Pay.

Columbia—Since the five-mile law went into effect the city council has been looking around for some means to make up for the \$6,000 annually paid into the city treasury for saloon licenses. A committee of the city council thinks it has solved the problem. It has recommended that every bachelor in the town be taxed \$50 a year. Bachelors under 30 years are not included. The bill will come up Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Mrs. Hinkle Has Recovered.

Benton—Mrs. Cora Hinkle, in jail here to answer to the charge of poisoning her husband, has fully recovered from her collapse and now insists that she be allowed to confer with her father, James Liddle, held as an accessory to the killing. This demand has been refused. The date of the preliminary hearing has not yet been fixed. It may be delayed until Thomas Duvall, under arrest at Percy, Ill., is extradited and returned here.

Kisses Unescorted Women.

New Haven—Attacks upon unescorted women on the streets of New Haven at night, the frantic shrieks of fair pedestrians, clutched in the embrace of a man, who unostentatiously lavishes kisses have sufficed to arouse the police to unusual activity. The assaults continue nightly, and women are being urged to arm against attack.

Makes Wei County Part Dry.

Kansas City—The Kansas City court of appeals returned a decision holding that a village on a county line may enforce an ordinance prohibiting the sale of liquor within a half-mile of its corporate limits, although the circle of prohibition extends into another county.

Loesch Back in State's Prison.

Jefferson City—William Loesch, who came to the penitentiary from Jefferson county to serve a term of two years for grand larceny, and who was released last August upon recommendation of the prison physician, has been delivered to the warden again.

Held for Big Silk Theft.

St. Louis—Sah N. Buchakji, who describes himself on his business cards as a "Hindoo fakir" and "fortune teller," was arrested on information furnished the police by Prince Panji Smile, his employer. Buchakji is held pending an investigation of the theft of \$20,000 worth of oriental silks.

Dumped Off at Dumville.

Kansas City—In a decision handed down here, the court of appeals rules that \$300 was an excessive amount of damages for a man who was put off a Missouri Pacific train at Dumville, Mo., and who caught a bad cold as a result of the exposure.

Fire Leaves But One Store.

St. Joseph—The business portion of Alantus, a village in Gentry county, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. The general stores of John Gompers and A. L. Ballard, the Christian church and Milton Morrison's blacksmith shop, with their contents, were burned. Only one store remains.

Smallpox Closes Schools.

Kansas City—The Lobb and Eureka schools, a few miles east of Independence, have been closed temporarily on account of smallpox in the neighborhood. There have been several cases of smallpox in Eastern Jackson county this winter. No deaths have been reported.

Col. Phelps in Auto Wreck.

Carthage—Colonel W. H. Phelps was injured in an automobile collision with an electric car. The colonel and his machine were hurled thirty feet. The automobile was a wreck, and Mr. Phelps received a severe cut over the left eye.

Starts Fires, Then Ends Life.

Union—Henry Gorg, a stock dealer and farmer, committed suicide at his home, four miles south of Union. After starting the fires in the stoves, he sat down and placed the muzzle of a rifle in his mouth and pulled the trigger. He was in ill health.

Gas Bill Prompts Suicide.
St. Joseph—Christian Krebs, aged 57, killed himself because his gas bill was larger than he had expected it to be. Krebs was a stonemason and is supposed to have been mentally unbalanced.

A. F. Houlton, Lawyer, Dies.

Canton—A. F. Houlton, an attorney and leading republican of Lewis county, died at his home of paralysis. He was a Mason and Odd Fellow.

Engineer and Fireman Dead.

Cape Girardeau—Engineer C. D. Rice and Fireman Luther Lore of the Frisco died here from injuries received in a wreck on that road near Neely's Landing earlier in the day. The train ran into a landslide, the engine turning over and the two trainmen being crushed and scalped.

Folk Appoints Ward Judge.

Jefferson City—Gov. Folk appointed Elmer J. Ward judge of the precinct of Jefferson county, vice J. Hex Weaver, resigned.

Just a Few Hundred Thousand.

The men who mechanically handle large sums of money seem to lose the sense of relative value. A customer asked the paying teller of a New York downtown branch bank, "How much money do you usually have on hand when the bank opens?" "Not very much," was the answer. "Not over \$300,000 or \$400,000. We keep the most of it in the main bank uptown."

China's trade with Japan has increased 60 per cent in the last two years.

TO DECEIVE VOTER

REPUBLICAN PROMISES NOT MADE IN GOOD FAITH.

Pledges to Reform Tariff "After the Election" Are as Valueless as Past Action Taken Against the Trusts.

The department of justice is reported to be about to file a suit to dissolve the combine between the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads. It is now some years since Senator Knox, when attorney general, succeeded in dissolving the partnership between the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads, but for any advantage the public secured from that decision it might as well never have been made. In theory the decision was supposed to again produce competition between the railroads, but in fact, as far as rates are concerned, the combine still holds good. Similar lack of practical results may be expected if the combine of the Harriman railroads is decided by the supreme court as illegal.

What is the use of expending all the energy of the department of justice on a case that it is known in advance will produce no relief to the public? Not a dollar has been saved to the people by these spectacular suits for the large amount expended in prosecuting them. It bores the railroad managers, but does not prevent them from charging "all the traffic will bear." The administration appears to think it is necessary to do something to show it is the great modern trust-busting machine.

If the Republican leaders wish to curb the lawlessness of the railroads, why do they not include the railroad magnates, such as Harriman, who are the real conspirators that have defied the law? With Harriman in stripes the balance of the law breakers would hasten to mend their ways.

Meanwhile the real trusts that have a virtual monopoly, such as the steel trust, which has plundered the people of millions and is still plundering them, goes unwhipped of justice. It is selling its products much cheaper to foreigners than to our own people. The Republican tariff protects it in so doing and the Republican leaders refuse to even consider tariff reform.

The department of commerce and labor has the evidence of conspiracy in restraint of trade against the steel trust, and if such evidence had been turned over by President Roosevelt to its attorney general, it must be that political and partisan advantage has held his hand.

The Republican leaders declare they will revise the tariff after election and will so promise in their national platform. Can the voters be fooled again by promises to reform? With the hands of the pickpocket in the pocket of his victim would an honest man fail of aid and wait until he caught the thief in the act the second—or the thousandth—time? Would not such delay in preventing such thefts indicate there was either timidity or collusion between him and the plunderer?

The Republican leaders have the evidence against the trusts. Congress has appropriated millions of the people's money to obtain the evidence and to pay for their prosecution. They acknowledge the tariff has fostered and protects the trusts, else why promise to reform it "after election?" If the Republican leaders had